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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6248-01
Bill No.: HB 2448
Subject: Elections
Type: #Updated
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#Updated to include the Office of the Secretary of State's response and costs.

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the state's responsibility for elections costs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
#General Revenue	(\$3,550,000)	\$0	(\$7,100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$3,550,000)	\$0	(\$7,100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Due to time constraints, **Oversight** originally prepared a fiscal note for this bill without all of the agency responses. Oversight has since obtained the agency responses and upon review of those responses, believes the original fiscal note should be updated. Therefore, this fiscal note updates the original by providing agency responses.

#Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal would require the State to pay proportional costs for primary and general elections in even-numbered years. Currently, the State is not liable for costs associated with these elections (§115.063.3, RSMo). Under the new proportional cost sharing responsibilities created by this proposal, the State would incur new, additional costs that it is not currently responsible for, including a proportional share of all costs associated with the conduct of primary and general elections as outlined in §115.065, RSMo.

#Per §115.065.3, RSMo, in this proposal, the proportional election costs shall be assessed by charging the State and each political subdivision and special district the same percentage of the total of the election by a formula derived by adding together the number of registered voters in each political subdivision and special district submitting a question or candidate at the election. For the purposes of this fiscal note, SOS assumes that the State's proportional cost would not exceed 50% of the total cost of the election. The total cost to the State under this proposal for each even-numbered primary and general election is estimated to be \$3.55 million (based on 50% of the cost of the 2012 Presidential Preference Primary).

#**Oversight** will show the fiscal impact as \$3,550,000 in FY 17 for the November 2016 general election and \$7,100,000 in FY 19 for the August 2018 primary election and the November 2018 general election.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
GENERAL REVENUE			.
<u>#Costs</u> - State's proportion of election costs	(\$3,550,000)	\$0	(\$7,100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$3,550,000)	\$0	(\$7,100,000)
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>			

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

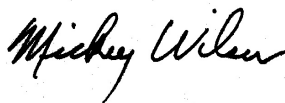
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the state and political subdivisions to share the costs of elections held among such entities in a proportional manner and applies in the case of general elections and primary elections.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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